

City of Alexandria, Virginia
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, April 15, 2021
7p.m. - Zoom Virtual Meeting

P&RC Members

Present: Gina Baum, Chair (District I); Stephen Beggs, Vice Chair (District II); Katy Matthews (District III); David Brennan (District III); Owen Chambers (student member); Brian McPherson (District III)

Absent: Barbara Marvin (District I); Alexandria Kelley (student member); Stuart Fox (District I); Dana Colarulli (District II)

RPCA Staff: James Spengler, Director; Tiffany Marbury, Executive Assistant; Margaret Orlando, Division Chief, Rec. Services; Jack Browand, Division Chief, Park Planning; Laura Durham, Division Chief, Rec. Services; Ana Vicinanzo, Urban Planner, Park Planning; Beth Znidersic, Principal Planner, Park Planning; Judy Lo, Principal Planner, Park Planning; Diane Ruggiero, Deputy Director, Office of the Arts.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair, Gina Baum called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comments can be found here:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/ALBootheAdvanceComments15April20121.pdf>

III. PUBLIC HEARING: Armistead L. Boothe Park Field Conversion Environmental Exception

Beth Znidersic gave a presentation on the Armistead L. Boothe Park Field Conversion Environmental Exception. The presentation can be found here:

https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/PRC_Boothe_4_15_2021.pdf

Public Comment: Public Comments can be found here:

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ACTION: FY21.04.15.A

Motion: Steven Beggs motioned to close the public hearing. Katy Matthews seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

ACTION: FY21.04.15.B

Motion: Katy Matthews entered a motion to provide a recommendation on the Resource Protection Area (RPA) Exception for the Armistead L. Boothe Park Field Conversion. David Brennan seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

IV. COMMISSION REPORTS (verbal reports by District)

DISTRICT I: Barbara Marvin and Stuart Fox were not in attendance. Gina Baum had nothing to report.

DISTRICT II: Dana Colarulli was not in attendance. **Stephen Beggs** had nothing to report.

DISTRICT III: David Brennen had nothing to report but wanted to clarify whether he would be added to the Landmark planning group. Browand indicated that Barbara Marvin is currently the primary, and there is only one seat currently. There will be opportunities down the road for more representation on this project. **Brian McPherson** reported that at the last Youth Sports Advisory meeting they discussed some recent concerns. Some coaches have given field lock combinations to their kids. There have been some scheduling conflicts with high school sports and youth sports. McPherson also indicated that he will be stepping down from the advisory group. If anyone is interested in filling his seat, please contact Jack Browand. **Katy Matthews** gave an update on Minnie Howard. She stated that the school board voted to move ahead with the “pinwheel” style plan.

V. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

a. **Staff Reports – Commissioner Questions**

Division updates (staff reports) posted at:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/PRCCCombinedReports15Apr2021.pdf>

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS & ACTIONS

a. **Meeting Minutes:** February 18 & March 18, 2021

Katy Matthews moved and Steven Beggs seconded the approval of the February and March meeting minutes. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

b. **Open Space Steering Committee Update – Ana Vicinanzo and Judy Lo, Park Planning**

Ana Vicinanzo and Judy Lo gave a presentation updating the Commission on what the Open Space Steering Committee has been working on. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/PRCOpenSpaceApril2021.pdf>

c. **Spring and Summer Programs Update – Margaret Orlando and Laura Durham, Rec. Services**

Margaret Orlando and Laura Durham gave a presentation Spring and Summer Program Updates. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/RecSvcsPRCMeeting15Apr2021.pdf>

VII. NEXT MEETING

May 20, 2021 – Virtual Zoom Meeting

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Brian McPherson moved, and Steven Beggs seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:26p.m. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

*Please note that meeting minutes are a summary of topics discussed during each Commission meeting. Meetings are video recorded in their entirety. Full video recording available here:

<https://alexandriava.gov/video/4971>